



Sovereign Grace Church

March 3rd, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.”

(Psalm 119:144)

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READER, how can this be? To justify the wicked is an abomination?! [Proverbs 17:15] Well then, what of the believing sinner? Does not God's word set forth that a wicked sinner like you and a wicked sinner like me is justified by His blood? How then is that not an abominable and immoral thing for God to do? Because beloved, our Heavenly Father has made His just sinless Son to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. I can't explain it, but I do believe it. You see, God has made His just Son to be wicked in His sight. How did He do that? By making the Lord Jesus Christ guilty of our sin, He was condemned wicked in His sight, bearing the sins of His people; so now, through His doing and His dying, we have been justified. And as a consequence, the demands of God's law being now satisfied, He may justify wicked sinners through the precious blood of His Son, which makes them innocent and just in His sight. Our Substitute, God's only begotten Son, was made to bare the guilt and shame of all our sins, and you beloved are made to be innocent, not guilty, indeed made the righteousness of God in Christ. Our great God only does what is right—He justifies the innocent, and He condemns the guilty, and both are righteous to the LORD! *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..."* — *"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21). AMEN!

— JDM

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Made Sin, Made Righteous, Made Free!

“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

BELOVED, we read in 2nd Corinthians chapter 5 and in verse 21 how our Heavenly Father made His sinless, spotless, well pleasing Son to be sin for us, He who knew no sin, did no sin, and had no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do you understand what this means beloved? It means that our Heavenly Father has so thoroughly, so completely imputed the sins of His people to His well pleasing Son that our Lord now calls them “*mine iniquity*” and further, says of our sin that He “*will be sorry for*” them [Psalm 38:18]. In this great transaction of the New Covenant, whereby the Son of God is made to be sin for us, we are further taught of God, that so thoroughly, so completely has the righteousness of Christ been imputed to His people, that they are *made* the very righteousness of God in Him. Now do I see that in myself? No, but I do believe it. Indeed, though no mortal can now see it, I am now at this very moment by His undeserved grace, united to God’s darling Son, found well pleasing in God’s sight. You see believing sinner, He took away our *guilt* and He gave us His *glory*—He took away our *ruin* and He gave us His *righteousness*. “*Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world*” (1 John 4:17) So beloved believing sinner “*Stand fast...in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage*” (Galatians 5:1). AMEN!

— JDM

Things The Angels Desire To Look Into

“...reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into” (1 Peter 1:12)

JUST think of it beloved! to sit across from an angel of the LORD in glory (an angel that knows nothing personally or experimentally of the forgiveness of sins or the imputed righteousness of Christ) and be asked with earnest “What is it like to be everlasting loved of God? What is it like to be washed of all your sins in His own blood? What’s it like to be undeservedly *made* His righteousness?” Even now I feel my heart lifted up in adoration for the wisdom of God. Beloved “*of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord!*” (1 Corinthians 1:30-31) AMEN!

— JDM

The LORD God clothed them

“Unto Adam also, and to his wife, did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”

(Genesis 3:21)

UNTO Adam also, and to his wife, did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them:—By this action the Lord God did preach to Adam, and to his wife, the meaning of that promise that you read of in verse fifteen, namely, that by the means of Jesus Christ, God Himself would provide a sufficient clothing for those that [receive] of His grace by the gospel: the coats here, being a type of that blessed and [eternal] righteousness.

“*The LORD God made the coats.*” Not Adam now, because now he is received into a covenant of grace with God: Indeed, before he entered into this covenant, he made his own clothing, such as it was, but that could not cover his nakedness; but now the LORD will make them: And “*unto Adam also, and to his wife, did the LORD God make coats:*”—“*Their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD*” (Isaiah 54:17). “*Of me,*” that is, of my providing, of my performing. “*And this is the name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*” (Jeremiah 23:6).

“He made them coats, and clothed them.” As the righteousness by which a sinner stands just in the sight of God from the curse, is a righteousness of God’s providing; so also it is of His putting on. No man can put on the righteousness of Christ, otherwise than by God’s imputation: if God reckon it ours, then it is ours indeed; but if He refuseth to show that mercy who can impute that righteousness to men? *Blessed* are they to whom the Lord imputeth righteousness [Romans 4:8]. *Cursed*, then, must they needs be to whom God hath not imputed the righteousness of his Son. “*The LORD clothed them,*” according to that of Paul, “*Christ is made unto us of God wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*” (1 Corinthians 1:30). And of that God who hath made Him thus to us, even of Him are we in Christ Jesus.

Did the LORD God make coats of skins? The coats were made of the skins of beasts, of the skins of the slain, which were slain either for food only, or for sacrifice also. This being so, the effects of that promise mentioned before were by this action the more clearly expounded unto Adam; to wit, That Christ, “*in the fulness of time,*” should be born of a woman clothed with flesh; and as so considered, should be made a curse, and so die that cursed death which by sin we had brought upon ourselves; the effects and fruits of which should to us be durable clothing; that is, *everlasting* righteousness.

— John Bunyan